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Part B for Jan 7 1927.

SUBJECT

Re - the audit of "Raj Telegrams"

Circ 2. To The Comptroller & Cent
The Heads of Departments
The Secretaries to Govt
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts

No R 5317-76 Dated 11th Jan 7 19:

Directs that the audit of telegram Charges incurred under "Raj Telegrams" may be made in Offices in which local audit of accounts is conducted.

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2) As it is desirable (1) to get all telegrams marked "Raj" & (2) to pay for them as far as possible by means of service stamps, I suggest that marking of telegrams invariably as "Raj" may be insisted upon and the following procedure, which is in vogue in British India (vide rule 12 of Appendix 5 Civil Account Code, Volume I) may be adopted here also:-

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"Service postage stamps only shall be used in payment of telegrams despatched on public service. If any officer is compelled to send a telegram at a time when he is temporarily without service stamps, he should pay for it in cash. The value of such telegrams, as are paid for in cash, may subsequently be recouped, as at present, by being included in contingent bills, a certificate signed by the head of the office, that the telegram was sent on public service and that cash payment was unavoidable, being recorded on the contingent bills".

3) I might also suggest the desirability of auditing the telegram charges either in the Central Office or locally in the offices concerned, as they are at present going without any audit. There is reason to believe that a check of such charges will disclose cases in which the telegrams were not on public service or were not really required - the purpose being equally well served by a letter.

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S. Shamanna

Comptroller.

To 27-11-26.

The Financial Secretary

to the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore.

4) The order re- Rly telegrams was issued by Govt Bgr. & so the first portion was may be dealt-here -

5) The portion relating to B to be reworked upon D.O.

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1) As suggested by Mr Basu Roy, attached [illegible] for [illegible] Bank is being sent.

1) As regards Mr Ghosh's 2nd portion, auditing the telegrams at the Central level it is proposed that the telegrams (charges will be made "Postal Fees") should be sent to the respective Circle Audit Offices [illegible] except for the purposes of the Head Office, the telegrams relating to [illegible] Bank 12 (App V) of C. A. C. V. I. there is no reason why separate fee should be charged for auditing telegram Charges Bank, since the Circle Audit Officers would be auditing at the Central Office, the auditing may be [illegible]. Audit at local offices may not ensure the objects, the detection of unnecessary telegrams desired by the Committee, to that extent as it will [illegible] Central Office work. At any rate, this would involve a lot of additional work on the audit side. [illegible] for [illegible]

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enclosed with D.C. Bills. The Comptr called them see and report any bad cases to Govt

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1) The complicated question for the adoption of the C.O. procedure – Ordinary telegrams and express services Rail & Ship for items in Service stamps is good & may be adopted. ~~Withdrawal of Chief Observations.~~

2) I agree with him that there is scope for check under the present arrangement. The audit of telegram expenses in the Central office was abolished on the advice of Mr. D'Souza, if I remember right. It is not worth while bringing the old practice –

3) The inspecting officers should see that their subordinates in our telegraphic expenses only in the best interests of public – Such an examination can be easily made during local inspections –

4) It is sufficient to invite their attention to this for the present.

My own impression is that the contingent allotments of offices are much more than necessary, in a large no of cases. Economy can be enforced both by reduction of budget grants.

5) Paras 9, 10 & 11 – I agree.

2nd meeting Local Govt. of these changes & may be made in Govt. Audit Rules.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND REMEMBRANCER OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
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is conducted and Corps may secure necessary information to his touring Staff. If this Organn. & leave the need for any relaxn of the arrangement — whether by greater scrutiny in Central Office or otherwise — We may then see

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2e Secy's order under supra. "Draft."

16) Please see linked file also D No 238. The Fin. Branch has recommended the file be sent to the Comptr Delhi. Rai is at present so misspelling in marking Tele Trans "Ray".

17) A draft embodying both the respective by Comptr Raj & 20 subsidiary Tele Trans is put up if the orders issued are to Comptrs Jaipur Udr Delhi

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18) Fair draft for appl as then order.

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19) clean draft

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20) 7180) May issue

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If approved the Govt will be multigraphed & then printed.

About 250 copies will be required.

Libn to Regr
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To Asstt. Secy for compliance
3.1.27

a No 26 S-317-76 dt 1.1.27 of the Comptr, Tels Offices at Trunk Exchanges & Offices Approved upto Comptr's prop in para 2 of this note & working on the local audit of Telegrams.—

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Proceedings of the Government of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

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2. Un-Official Note No.729/T.A.D.B. dated 29th November 1926 from the Comptroller on the subject of sending telegrams of Government business. (To be read in extension.)

Order No. H 5317-76/G.K 132-26-2

dated, Bangalore, the 7th January 1927.

The Comptroller's proposal made in para 2 of his Un-Official note read above is approved.

2. Government do not consider it necessary to revive the ~~old~~ practice of auditing telegram charges in the Central Audit -- Office,

3. The Departmental Officers are requested to see during their inspection that the subordinate offices incur telegram expenses only in the best interests of -- Government.

4. Local audit of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ the telegram charges may be made in offices in which local audit of accounts is conducted and the Comptroller is requested to may issue necessary instructions for the --- guidance of the Local Audit staff.

Reports of the ... results of this ... examination may be submitted to Govt.

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To Fin. Secy to G...

To

The Comptroller to Government,
The Heads of Departments
The Secretaries to Government,
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.

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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

G. O. No. R.Fl. 5317-76/G. F. 132-26-2 Bangalore Dated, 11th January 1927.

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B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Financial Secretary to Government.

To—The Comptroller to Government.
The Heads of Departments.
The Secretaries to Government.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.